

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of

Applicants : Mario Busshoff et al.  
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Title : **THIN-WALLED REINFORCED SLEEVE WITH INTEGRAL  
COMPRESSIBLE LAYER**  
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Art Unit : 1733  
Examiner : D. McNally  
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**May 3, 2007**

**MAIL STOP AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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**AMENDMENT**

This paper is responsive to the Office Action mailed February 8, 2007. Reconsideration and reexamination are respectfully requested in light of the amendments and remarks below.

This amendment uses the Revised Amendment Practice. The entire set of presently pending claims has been reproduced below in the approved revised amendment format. Amendments relating to the specification, claims, and/or drawings begin on separate pages of this paper. Any amendments to the specification and drawings have also been presented in the revised format. No separate marked-up copy of the amended specification and/or claims has been provided.